

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2019
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Rose Ann Hardy, Marc Salerno, Paul Dagle and Dan Cunningham
ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Anna Johnson and Public Works Director Joe Bragaw

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1b. Additional Agenda and Consent Items
There were none.

1c. Delegations
There were none.

1d. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of November 6, 2019, as submitted.
Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2019, as submitted.
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of December 4, 2019, in the amount of \$16,592.20.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Special Appropriation – Wells 1A and 6

MOTION (4)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works, addressed the board and explained that this project is necessary, and that this additional money will be needed to complete said project. He explained that it is a matter of water quality in Well 1A which has been testing high in iron and manganese. Well 1A does not have a filtering system in place to handle removal of these minerals, so the project is to tie Well 1A to Well 6 to solve that problem. Initially the Engineering firm estimated the project cost to be \$4,640,000, which was approved at a special town meeting on January 2, 2019. They went out to bid in May of 2019, and only one bidder participated and came in at ~\$1M over budget. They went back to the drawing board and put this project out to bid again in November 2019, at which three bidders participated and the lowest bid came in at \$950,000 over the approved amount. Total cost for this project is now \$5,590,000. Mr. Bragaw reported that they put some money aside last fiscal year and again this year in order to lessen the burden on the ratepayers; this money will allow them to equally spread out the repayment on the bonds over the years so as not to significantly impact the ratepayers. Mrs. Hardy inquired if any of the interested bidders were from Connecticut, and Mr. Bragaw stated that all three bidders were from out of state. He noted that the first bidder, which came in over \$1M over budget, was a local company but that they have since closed their business. Mrs. Hardy inquired if there will be a stipulation included in the contract that there be a time limit adhered to or a penalty can be imposed, and Mr. Bragaw advised that there will be such

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a provision in the contract. She asked if the salt levels will go down once Well 1A is diverted through Well 6, and Mr. Bragaw stated that the salt levels in the water is a separate issue and that there is no real solution to that rising problem but that it is being worked on. That is a problem being experienced everywhere that deals with winter weather and they are working on ways to reduce the use of salt-based products. Mr. Cunningham inquired as to the frequency of required filter changes, and Mr. Bragaw stated that the filters are replaced every four to five years and that the public works employees perform this task, so no additional funds are necessary. Mr. Dagle inquired if it would cost less to build a new facility for Well 1A instead of connecting it to Well 6, and Mr. Bragaw stated that it would be a much more expensive project to build a new facility.

Mr. Seery RESOLVED that the resolution entitled "Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$4,640,000 For The Construction Of Modifications And Upgrades To The East Lyme Well 1A And Well 6 Water Treatment Plant Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$4,640,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", which was read into record, is hereby adopted and recommended for approval by the Board of Finance and the legal voters of the Town at Town Meeting.
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

2b. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

MOTION (5)

Mr. Salerno MOVED to appoint Kevin Seery, 25 Quailcrest Road, East Lyme to serve as the Deputy First Selectman with a term to expire on December 6, 2021.
Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Marc Salerno, 8 Bobwhite Lane, East Lyme to serve as Second Deputy First Selectman to serve when the First Selectman and Deputy First Selectman are not available, with a term to expire on December 6, 2021.
Seconded by Mr. Dagle. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (7)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson explained that the Public Safety Building Vision Commission was created to include two members of the Board of Finance. Those two members are no longer on the Board of Finance since the election, but it is felt that they should remain on the Committee through the completion of the charge. It was agreed that they would be appointed back on to the committee as members-at-large.

Mr. Dagle MOVED to amend the composition of the Public Safety Building Vision Committee membership to have one (1) Board of Finance Member and four (4) Members-at-Large.
Seconded by Mr. Salerno. In Favor; Nickerson, Seery, Salerno, Cunningham and Dagle. Abstained; Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 5-0-1.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint Lisa Picarazzi, 14 Oak Hill Drive, Niantic, as a member of the Public Safety Building Vision Committee with a term to expire at the completion of the committee's charge.
Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint William Weber, 19 Plants Dam Road, East Lyme, as a member of the Public Safety Vision Committee with a term to expire at the completion of the committee's charge.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (10)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Pierce Connair, 3 Winchester Court South, East Lyme as the SECT's Tourism Representative for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 4, 2021.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (11)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Eugene Cushman, 184 Upper Pattagansett Road, East Lyme as Town Meeting Moderator to serve through January 3, 2022 and to appoint Pierce Connair of 3 Winchester Court South, East Lyme to serve as Deputy Meeting Moderator with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (12)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Joseph Bragaw, 19 Attawan Road, Niantic to serve as the SCRRA representative for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (13)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Kevin Seery, 25 Quailcrest Road, East Lyme to serve as Alternate SCRRA representative for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (14)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Michael Finkelstein, Chief of Police, to serve as the Emergency Management Director for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (15)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Erik Quinn, 19 Hillwood Drive, Niantic to serve as a Deputy Fire Marshal for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 3, 2022. This appointment corrects his previous appointment in which he was listed as Fire Investigator.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (16)

Mr. Salerno MOVED to appoint Evan Haynes, 83 Lovers Lane, East Lyme to serve as a Fire Investigator for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (17)

Mrs. Hardy MOVED to appoint Ilene Harris, 27 Stoneywood Drive, Niantic; Michael Bekech, 84 Hope Street, Niantic; Joseph Palazzo, 43 Sleepy Hollow Road, Niantic; and Joan Bengtson, 67 Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme to serve on the Commission on Aging with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (18)

Mr. Salerno MOVED to appoint J. Robert Pfanner, 2 Ferro Court, East Lyme to serve on the Building Code of Appeals with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (19)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Robert Seifel, 5 Strawberry Lane, Niantic and Cheryl Meier, 44 Greencliff Road, Niantic to serve on the Brookside Farm Museum Commission with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (20)

Mrs. Hardy MOVED to appoint Michael Meinz, 1 Goldfinch Terrace, East Lyme to serve on the Cable TV Advisory Board with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (21)

Mrs. Hardy MOVED to appoint Arthur Carlson, 30 Dean Road, East Lyme and Penelope Howell-Heller, 61 East Pattagansett Road, Niantic to serve on the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (22)

Mrs. Hardy MOVED to appoint Harvey Beeman, 11 Green Valley Lakes Road, East Lyme to serve as an Alternate Member on the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (23)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint Eric Kanter, 27 Wells Street, Niantic; Stephen Dinsmore, 57 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme; Donald Landers, Jr., 3 Beach Avenue, Niantic; and Gregory Murin, 83 Quarry Dock Road, Niantic to serve on the East Lyme Harbor Management / Shellfish Commission with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (24)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Barbara Johnson Low, 3 North Road, Niantic and Mark Christensen, 66 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme to serve on the Historic Properties Commission with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (25)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint David Schmitt, 6 Clark's Lane, Niantic to serve on the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (26)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint W. Theodore Koch, III, 11 South Ridge Road, Niantic to serve on the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 6, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (27)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint W. Theodore Koch, III, 11 South Ridge Road, Niantic to serve on the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to begin on January 7, 2020 and to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (28)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint Rosemary Ostfeld, 112 Dean Road, East Lyme to serve on the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (29)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint Phyllis Berger, 32 West Pattagansett Road, Niantic to serve on the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (30)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint Kristen Chantrell, 13 Green Valley Lakes Road, East Lyme to serve on the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (31)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint Donald Phimister, 18 Latimer Drive, East Lyme to serve on the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 6, 2020.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (32)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint Donald Phimister, 18 Latimer Drive, East Lyme to serve on the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to begin on January 7, 2020 and to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (33)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Jason Deeble, 5 Mackinnon Place, East Lyme to serve as an Alternate Member of the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 6, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (34)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Jason Deeble, 5 Mackinnon Place, East Lyme to serve as an Alternate Member of the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to begin on January 7, 2020 and to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (35)

Mr. Dagle MOVED to appoint Doreen Rhein, 5 Irvingdell Place, East Lyme to serve as an Alternate Member of the Inland Wetlands Agency with a term to expire on January 3, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (36)

Mrs. Hardy MOVED to appoint Don Landers, 3 Beach Avenue, Niantic to serve on the Niantic River Watershed Board with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (37)

Mr. Salerno MOVED to appoint Eric Kanter, 27 Wells Street, Niantic to serve as an Alternate Member of the Niantic River Watershed Board with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (38)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Jacqueline Curry, 3 Virginia Street, Niantic; J. Robert Pfanner, 2 Ferro Court, East Lyme; and Thomas Beebe, 3301 Maple Tree Lane, East Lyme to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (39)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Daniel Price, 205 Upper Pattagansett Road, East Lyme; and Giancarlo D'Angelo, 65 Arbor Crossing, East Lyme to serve on the Board of Police Commissioners with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (40)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Stephen Jackson, 19 Mayfield Terrace, East Lyme to serve as the Radiological Officer for the Town of East Lyme with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (41)

Mr. Salerno MOVED to appoint Raymond O'Connor, Jr., 23 Roxbury Court, Niantic to serve on the Town Building Committee with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (42)

Mr. Salerno MOVED to appoint Eugene Carini, 10 Corey Lane, Niantic to serve on the Town Building Committee with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (43)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Carol Russell, 4 Bramble Bush Drive, Niantic; David Jacques, 1 Red Fox Road, East Lyme; David Zoller, 3 Spinnaker Drive, Niantic; Roger Spencer, 31 South Pine Street, Niantic; and David Bond, 50 Smith Street, Niantic to serve on the Water & Sewer Commission with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.

Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (44)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Tom Bowlen, 37 South Street, Niantic to serve on the Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission (WELSCO) with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.
Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (45)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Eric Kanter, 27 Wells Street, Niantic to serve on the Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission (WELSCO) with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.
Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (46)

Mr. Seery MOVED to appoint Patrick Larkin, 14 Oak Hill Drive, Niantic; Paul Lussier, 10 Alexander Drive, East Lyme; and Linda Fecteau, 18 Oakwood Road, Niantic to serve on the Youth Services Commission with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.
Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (47)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Deborah Jett-Harris, 19 Center Street, Niantic to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.
Seconded by Mrs. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (48)

Mr. Cunningham MOVED to appoint Stephen Carpenteri, 25 Harvest Glen, East Lyme to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on January 8, 2024.
Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

2c. Non-Affiliated Employee Group

MOTION (49)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that it is that time of year again when representatives from the Board of Selectmen need to meet with representatives from the non-affiliated employee group to review benefits for the upcoming fiscal year before the budget process begins. He stated that Mrs. Hardy and Mr. Seery have historically been the selectmen appointed to meet with this group.

Mr. Dagle MOVED to direct Kevin Seery and Rose Ann Hardy to meet with representatives of the Non-Affiliated employee group to discuss employee benefits for the upcoming fiscal year.
Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

3a. Mr. Salerno reported that he attended an Aquifer and a Zoning meeting a couple of weeks ago. He stated that the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources gave a presentation at the Aquifer meeting on preserving our aquifers and stated that they will be presenting to the Board of Selectman on this topic at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the scallop season will be open this year for the first time in a while, and he reminded people to go and get their proper license.

Mr. Dagle reported on the Public Safety Building Vision Committee meeting and stated that they approved some minor changes to the plan, such as public restrooms in the lobby and subsequent relocation of the detective meeting room. He reported that they will be seeking alternate bids for items such as holding cells, a sally port, an elevator, and some other minor upgrades. He stated that representatives from Eversource were in attendance and spoke about ways to make changes that will improve the buildings energy usage and create savings. He reported that the next meeting will be held on January 7, 2020, at which time they will start working on a plan to hand this project over to the Town Building Committee.

Mr. Dagle also noted that the annual Jingle Bell 5k will be happening on December 14th so make sure to register either in advance or the morning of the event.

3b. Mr. Nickerson reported that the swearing in ceremony for all of the elected officials was held this week, and he congratulated everyone for their willingness to serve the Community. This year's annual holiday stroll was a huge success. The annual light parade is scheduled for December 14th, and Dominion is once again supplying fireworks which will happen at the start of the parade.

Mr. Nickerson stated that it is time to discuss the fishing dock leases, and he requested that the subcommittee working on that please be prepared to present at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

5. Public Comment
There was none.

6. Selectmen's Response
There was none.

MOTION (50)

Mr. Seery MOVED to adjourn the December 4, 2019, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:48 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary